

VILLAGE OF NORTHFIELD ORDINANCE NO. 2018-09
AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SECTION 1268.12 OF THE
PLANNING AND ZONING CODE RELATING TO PROHIBITED WINDOW FRAME
LIGHTING IN B-1, B-2, AND B-3 DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, the placement of light emitting diode or other similar types of bar, string, or strand lighting, whether white or another color, within or directly outside of window frames of business district buildings, are aesthetically displeasing and unduly distracting to motorists, patrons, and pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, the above types of lights debase the appearance of the properties upon which they are located and the surrounding businesses and neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to enact Section 1268.12 of the Codified Ordinances prohibiting businesses located in B-1, B-2, and B-3 Districts to place light emitting diode or other types of bar, string, or strand lighting, whether white or another color, within or directly outside of window frames of their buildings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Northfield, County of Summit, and State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the Council of the Village of Northfield hereby enacts Section 1268.12 of the Codified Ordinances as indicated in the attachment hereto.

SECTION 2. That the rest and remainder of the Codified Ordinances shall remain as presently drafted unless inconsistent herewith.


SECTION 3. That all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the deliberation and adoption of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council or any of its legal committees and/or were in compliance with all legal requirements.

SECTION 4. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the public peace, health, and welfare of the residents of the Village of Northfield for the reason that it will assist with maintaining the aesthetic appearance and safety of the Village's business districts and neighborhoods, and this Ordinance shall take immediate effect upon its signature by the Mayor, or upon the expiration of time within which it may be disapproved by the Mayor, or upon its passage after its disapproval by the Mayor, as the case may be, pursuant to Village of Northfield Charter Section 4.11.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this 14th day of February, 2018.



Nicholas Magistrelli, Pres. Pro-Tem of Council



Jesse J. Nehez, Mayor

Approved as to Legal Form.



Bradric T. Bryan, Director of Law

I, Tricia Ingrassia, Clerk of Council of the Village of Northfield, Summit County, Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was duly and regularly passed by Council at a meeting held on the 14th day of February, 2018.



Tricia Ingrassia, Clerk of Council

1268.12 PROHIBITED WINDOW AND WINDOW FRAME LIGHTING IN BUSINESS DISTRICTS.

(a) In B-1, B-2, and B-3 Business Districts, light emitting diode or other similar types of bar, string, or strand lighting, whether white or another color, shall be prohibited from being placed within or directly outside of window frames of the building. The within prohibition does not apply to signs that are permitted by the Village's sign code or low power bulb type Christmas tree lights with at least a four inch gap between bulbs.

(b) Penalty. Any person, firm, entity, or company, including, but not limited to, the owner of the property, his or her authorized property manager or agent, or any tenant or occupant in control of the building space in question who violates or fails to comply with any provision of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. The institution of any penalties provided herein shall not preclude the Municipality from instituting any additional appropriate action or proceeding in a court of proper jurisdiction to require compliance with the provisions of this section.